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ISSUE:

An Ordinance Enacting Chapter 9 of Title 21 of the West Valley City Municipal Code prohibiting gambling within West Valley City.

SYNOPSIS:

The Utah Constitution prohibits lotteries, games of chance, or gift enterprises, in essence gambling. The Utah legislature has recently expanded the definition of gambling, however, the new law does not go into effect until April 1, 2010. West Valley City does not currently have a gambling ordinance and would like adopt the expanded definition of gambling before the new state law goes into effect.

BACKGROUND:

West Valley City has historically used the Utah Code to enforce gambling within its boundaries. During the 2009 legislative session, the definition of gambling was expanded. The new definition does not go into effect until April 2010. West Valley City would like to enforce the new changes within its jurisdiction before that date.

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

SUBMITTED BY:

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